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ECONOMIC DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of 20th Meeting

11:00 a.m., 24 January 1957

PRESENT

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[REDACTED]
Mr. Walsh, OSD
Mr. Hamilton, AFOIN
Mr. Wood, G-2
Mr. McMahon, ONI
Miss Worthing, State/OIR
Mrs. Young, State, ECD
Mr. Pomeroy, State/MC
Mr. Tucker, ICA/MDAC
Miss Baldwin, ICA/S
Mr. Anderson, ICA/MDAC

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1. Minutes, 15 November 1956 (EDIC/M-19)

Action:

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 1956 were approved, subject to the change that item 7 and the last sentence of item 3 be headed "Action".

2. Decontrolled Commodities (EDIC/AM-16)

Discussion:

The Acting Chairman announced that [REDACTED] would be 25X1A9a the CIA member of the Working Group on Decontrolled Commodities.

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3. Free World Deliveries of New and Used Ships to the Sino-Soviet Bloc in 1955 and 1956 (to 1 December) and Proposed Construction as of 1 December 1956. (EDIC/ID-28)

Action:

It was agreed that this paper would be considered approved if no comments were received by Friday, 1 February 1957.
(Since no comments were received, the paper has been approved.)

4. Sino-Soviet Bloc Merchant Shipping Requirements and Capabilities, 1956-1960. (EDIC/IR-27)

Discussion:

The Acting Chairman read a request made by ICA/MDAC on behalf of EDAC Working Group I for a study of the merchant shipping requirements and capabilities of the Sino-Soviet Bloc, 1956-1960. He suggested that a working group be established on this subject, and requested that member agencies notify the Executive Secretary of the names of their representatives by the close of business, 25 January 1957.

Action:

It was agreed to accept this request, and to establish a working group with representation from CIA (Chairman), State and Navy.

5. Soviet Bloc Sales of Gold in Free World Markets, 1956. (EDIC/IR-26)

Discussion:

The Acting Chairman recalled that the ICA/MDAC request for regular reports on Soviet Bloc Sales of Gold in the Free World Markets (EDIC/IR-15) was withdrawn at the meeting held on 11 October 1956, subject to the understanding that special reports would be made in case of interesting or important developments. In view of the large gold sales which the Soviet Bloc is reported to have made in the Free World in late 1956, ICA/MDAC has requested a special report.

Action:

It was agreed to accept this request. Production responsibility was assigned to CIA in consultation with Treasury.

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6. Dissemination of [REDACTED] of 18 October 1956.

Discussion:

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The Acting Chairman referred to a memorandum from the Commerce member, dated 12 December 1956. This memorandum had called attention to the apparent two month delay between the date of [REDACTED] information 25X1A6a contained in [REDACTED] and the date on which the Despatches were transmitted. The Acting Chairman stated that CIA was checking to determine if the delay in dissemination could have been avoided.

7. Information on Communist Chinese Procurement of Facilities for the Production of Safety Glass. (EDIC/ID-27)

Discussion:

The Acting Chairman stated that CIA had prepared this paper in response to a Commerce Department request.

Action:

The paper was noted by EDIC members.

8. EDIC Appointments.

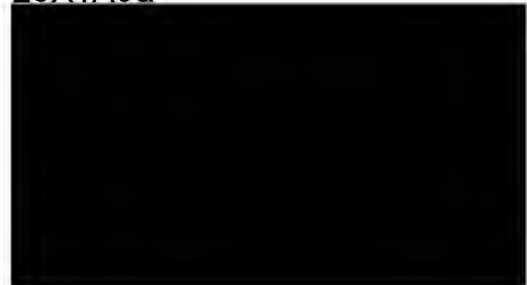
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The Acting Chairman announced that [REDACTED] would be designated as Chairman and Principal CIA Representative to EDIC, and that [REDACTED] had been designated as Executive Secretary.

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